

Appl. No. 09/741,636  
Amdt. Dated April 1, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of March 19, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 1, lines 7-11 with the following amended paragraph:

The present application is ~~related to a~~  
continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/689,367  
filed on October 12, 2000, entitled "Method of Selecting  
Initialization Parameters for Multi-channel Data  
Communication with Forward Error Correction," by inventors  
Vlad Mitlin, Tim Murphy and Richard G.C. Williams, ~~(Attorney~~  
~~Doc. No. 3Com 3329-1)~~ which is incorporated herein by  
reference in its entirety.

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 7, lines 9-13 with the following amended paragraph:

The modem 28 at the remote terminal 30 includes  
the same components as the modem 26 at the central office  
24, and also includes an external interface ~~50-49~~ to connect  
to a computer system. The external interface ~~50-49~~ may be a  
PCI, internet, or USB interface. In an alternate  
embodiment, the modem 38 is internal to the computer system.